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verify the dosage and learn the reason for the administration of unfamiliar drugs. The inclusion of these substances, merely stating what they are and what they are used for, in a nurse's text-book is necessary and does not recommend them. We should not advocate the use of unofficial preparations, but the nurse who is called upon to administer them, as well as the pharmacist who fills the prescription, should know what they are; and her text-book should give her this information. Furthermore, I emphatically disagree with Miss Parker's quotation of an instructor, that any text-book is ever adopted merely because "it has everything in it." The inclusion of preparations in a text-book on *Materia Medica* for nurses has nothing to do with its pedagogic value. Fourteen years of teaching *Materia Medica* to nurses has taught me the folly of requiring nurses to memorize preparations. They learn the common preparations best by using them in the wards and in the laboratory. Since Miss Parker is an author of a text-book on *Materia Medica*, it seems to me the statement that another text-book is used because "it has everything in it" tends to create implications which certainly have no place in a presumably unbiased, impartial discussion of an old well-recognized topic of importance to physicians who are the ones to prescribe and to recommend remedies.

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#### YOUNG AMERICA IN AN ORTHOPEDIC WARD

From a letter written by a little Greek patient: "Dear Mike—\* \* \* I am now at the hospital some fun we have exceriscise Punch balls Boxing gloves dommies to box Oh Boy! I had an operation on my foot I never forget Johnny for fighting with me no regards to him. Joseph. P. S. Regards to hosehold."

Examiner: How do you extract the tannin from tea?

Pupil: Through the strainer, of course.

As Miss C. entered the ward, a patient said: "Here comes the lady now." "She ain't a lady, either, she's my nurse," screamed Benny.

#### GLEANINGS FROM A HIGH SCHOOL COURSE IN HOME NURSING

"For liquid diet, give petrified milk."

"The essential of a household medicine cabinet is powder."

"To apply heat, use cold pressure."

"A pill should be given through a tube."

"Information means the gathering of matter,—a boil, sore throat, and the pulse, are some."